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## COUNCIL TAKING PROACTIVE MEASURES TO PROTECT STAFF AND COMMUNITY

Mid-Western Regional Council is implementing all necessary measures in the prevention of Coronavirus (COVID-19) to ensure the safety of staff and the wider community.

Council is strictly following all advice from Federal and State health authorities, the lead agencies in response to the pandemic.

General Manager Brad Cam said Council is taking proactive measures within the workplace and community.

“Our primary focus is on the health and wellbeing of our staff and our community,” Council’s General Manager, Brad Cam said.

“In addition to internal measures being taken to stop the spread of the virus, Council has introduced hand sanitisers in all of its customer facing services such as customer service counters and libraries, as well as conducting routine cleaning of surfaces in these high traffic areas.

“Council’s Executive Team has met on the issue and is committed to managing business continuity during this time.”

As a result of the Federal Government’s public health order, preventing all non-essential gatherings of 500 people or more, Mr Cam said a number of future events will be postponed.

“Some event organisers have advised of their intention to postpone major events that were due to occur in the region in coming months.

“Obviously, this will have direct impacts to our local economy, in particular our tourism industry. I encourage residents to buy locally wherever possible to help minimise the economic effects as best we can.”

As the situation is changing rapidly, health advice is developing and Council is urging all residents to visit [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au) for the latest updates on the outbreak as well as best practices in the prevention of infection.

“Authorities are emphasising the need for good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene, that means washing your hands with warm soapy water for 20 to 30 seconds regularly as well as keeping your distance from others when you are sick,” Mr Cam said.

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